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SUBJECT: TIMING OF CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION

1. ON OCTOBER 23, THE DAY I WAS INFORMED BY TELEPHONE THAT YOU WOULD BE ARRIVING NOVEMBER 13, I CALLED ON CHIEF OF PROTOCOL JEAN PAUL ANGLES TO ADVISE HIM OF YOUR ARRIVAL TIME AND OF YOUR DESIRE TO PRESENT YOUR CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT GISCARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER. I IN FACT SUGGESTED THAT IDEALLY YOU WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT YOUR CREDENTIALS ON NOVEMBER 15 FIGURING YOU WOULD LIKE AT LEAST A DAY OR SO TO CATCH YOUR BREATH IN PREPARATION FOR THE CEREMONY. AT THE TIME ANGLES TOLD ME THAT THERE WERE ALREADY FOUR AMBASSADORS WHO HAD ARRIVED IN PARIS AND WERE WAITING TO PRESENT THEIR CREDENTIALS, BUT HE ASSURED ME HE WOULD DO HIS VERY BEST.

2. I CALLED HIM AGAIN TODAY TO ASK HIM WHERE THINGS STOOD SINCE I WAS CONCERNED THAT IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO PRESENT YOUR CREDENTIALS IN TIMELY FASHION IT COULD CAUSE DIFFICULTIES IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR PARTICIPATION IN SOME OF THE EVENTS OUTLINED IN PARIS 25617. ANGLES TOLD ME THAT THEY ARE NOW PLANNING A PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR NOVEMBER 21 BUT ADDED THAT SOMEWHAT TO HIS DISMAY A FIFTH NEWLY ARRIVED AMBASSADOR HAS COME AND IS AWAITING PRESENTATION OF HIS CREDENTIALS.

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HE AGAIN ASSURED ME THAT HE WAS DOING EVERYTHING

POSSIBLE AND SAID IN FACT THAT HE HAD NOTIFIED THE
ELYSEE THE VERY EVENING I TALKED TO HIM SO THAT THEY
ARE WELL AWARE OF YOUR DESIRE TO PRESENT YOUR
CREDENTIALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING YOUR ARRIVAL.

3. I TELL YOU THE FOREGOING AS IT NOW WOULD APPEAR
UNLIKELY THAT YOU WOULD HAVE PRESENTED YOUR CREDENTIALS
PRIOR TO THE DINNER HONORING MRS. SARGENT SHRIVER WHICH
IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 18. DESPITE THIS FACT, ON
BALANCE, I BELIEVE IT IS DESIRABLE THAT YOU ATTEND THE
DINNER EVEN THOUGH YOU WILL NOT YET HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY
ACCREDITED AS AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE. I AM SURE THAT
THOSE WHO ARE ORGANIZING THE DINNER, AND THE SHRIVERS,
WILL BE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR PARTICIPATION
BUT I WANTED YOU TO BE FULLY INFORMED OF THE CURRENT
SITUATION. AS I OBTAIN ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARD-
ING THE TIMING I WILL OF COURSE LET YOU KNOW PROMPTLY.
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